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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT  
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and Administrative Instructions, Section 601(a))

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Applicant  
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

23 Mar 2004 (23.03.04)

2. That date of receipt is:

- ☒ the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).  
☐ the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).  
☐ the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections.

3. ☐ **ATTENTION:** That date of receipt is **AFTER** the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, the election(s) made in the demand does (do) not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)). Therefore, the acts for entry into the national phase must be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 22). For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II*.

- ☐ (If applicable) This notification confirms the information given by telephone, facsimile transmission or in person on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau

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